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SUBJ: DE LA TORRE RELEASED UNHARMED BY KIDNAPPERS

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SUMMARY: KIDNAPPERS VOICE POLITICAL MOTIVE AS WELL AS THE MONEY. CLAIM TO BE MEMBERS OF "FIDEL CASTRO GUERRILLA COMMAND". DE LA TORRE RELEASED BUT UNABLE TO IDENTIFY KIDNAPPERS. END OF SUMMARY.

AFTER ONE FULL WEEK BUSINESSMAN JUAN DE DIOS DE LA TORRE VALENCIA WAS RELEASED BY HIS YOUTHFUL KIDNAPPERS, BUT THE FINAL TERMS OF HIS RANSOM ARE YET TO BE TOLD. WHAT BEGAN AS A PURELY CRIMINAL ACT TO OBTAIN A LARGE SUM OF MONEY HAD BEEN TRANSFORMED BY THE KIDNAPPERS INTO A POLITICAL ACTION AS WELL WITH THE PUBLICATION IN THREE NEWSPAPERS IN MEXICO CITY AND THREE MORE IN GUADALAJARA ON MARCH 14 OF A MARXIST DECLARATION DEMANDING THE RESIGNATION OF THE SUBDIRECTOR OF MEXICO'S DIRECCION FEDERAL DE SEGURIDAD, MIGUEL NAZAR HARO, AND THE REMOVAL OF ALL POLICE INVESTIGATING THE CASE. THE ANNOUNCEMENT CLAIMED THE RANSOM MONEY WOULD BE USED BY THE POOR PROLETARIAT TO PURCHASE ARMS TO FIGHT THE RICH BOURGEOISIE AND WAS SIGNED BY THE "FIDEL CASTRO GUERRILLA COMMAND" (COMANDO GUERRILLERO FIDEL CASTRO). ALTHOUGH OFFICIALLY NO RANSOM MONEY WAS DEMANDED OR PAID, THE NEWSPAPERS REPORT A STRONG SUSPICION THAT AT LEAST ONE MILLION PESOS (US 80,000)

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HAS BEEN PAID BY THE FAMILY TO THE KIDNAPPERS WHO ALLEGEDLY

ORIGINALLY DEMANDED TEN TIMES THAT AMOUNT.

DE LA TORRE WHO WAS BLINDFOLDED AND DRUGGED DURING HIS WEEK
IN CAPTIVITY DESCRIBED THE KIDNAPPERS AS YOUNG AND IDEALISTIC
AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THEY WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE APPREHENDED.
DE LA TORRE WAS RELEASED FROM A CAR SEVERAL BLOCKS FROM MINERVA
CIRCLE WHERE HE WALKED TO GET A TAXI TO TAKE HIM HOME JUST
BEFORE MIDNIGHT ON MARCH 15. HE COULD GIVE NO DETAILS THAT
WOULD IDENTIFY WHERE OR BY WHOM HE WAS HELD FOR THE PAST WEEK.
HE APPEARS TO BE IN RELATIVELY GOOD HEALTH DESPITE HIS ORDEAL.
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